# All Projects Meeting Summary

## March 19, 2025 at 2:00PM Eastern Time

## **Welcome and Intro Question**

## Warm welcome to two new staff that will be working on the NADTC grants!

* + Robb Scott is the new Mobility Coordinator at Benzie Bus.
  + Steph Eakin is the Project Coordinator for the Skykomish Action Plan.
* Icebreaker Question: What is one thing you have learned from survey responses or a community meeting so far? Or, what about the responses so far surprised you?
  + **Aroostook**: They have been prioritizing interviews at congregate dining sites and working on finalizing their survey. One of the issues they have identified recently has been the lack of transportation for after-hours hospital discharges.
  + **Benzie Bus**: Rob is looking for ways to connect more with people in their small, rural county directly.
  + **Cortland**: Their survey is live, and they are having more success with paper vs. virtual surveys. They are noticing a trend in the survey data that a lot of older adults rely on friends and family to help meet transportation needs.
  + **Franklin COG**: They also have been getting a higher response rate from paper surveys. One of their most engaged community partners for the surveys was Meals on Wheels. Hindsight lesson, they wish they had coded paper surveys to help them to track who distributed what.
  + **LIFTT**: Unable to attend meeting.
  + **Penquis**: Community partners have been helpful in spreading the word about the community meetings and surveys. ~75% of attendees completed the survey before attending. One data trend they are seeing in their surveys is people are going to a lot of different places for specialty medical care.
  + **Project Amistad**: Their initial strategy to take iPads to rural counties has not been as effective as they had imagined. QR codes and iPads contribute to mistrust in very remote communities. They are getting more response from paper surveys.
  + **Snohomish:** Steph is new and still onboarding, no update to share.
  + **SMCOG**: used both paper and virtual option for their survey, but had more response on paper surveys. Senior center and faith communities were most helpful with outreach strategies.
  + **SWGRC**: They are also having challenges with building trust for virtual surveys, particularly among some of the immigrant communities in the region.
  + **The Arc**: Despite sending out >8,000 surveys, they have not gotten the response rate they had hoped for. They are getting a lot of volunteering and support from community agencies, but not community members individually.

## **Guest Speaker and Discussion: Danny Schnathorst**

* Danny is the Community Outreach Manager at HIRTA. He has participated in previous NADTC grants and joined us to share highlights from their 2021-2022 grant projects and share lessons learned.
* Presentation recording is available on the grantee hub.

## **NADTC Updates**

* What are some of the barriers to spending down grant funds?
  + Dorthy—volunteer/in-kind contributions that were not anticipated have offset some of the expenses.
* Would grantees benefit from more time to work o the planning phase and spend down on the grant?
  + Several grantees nodded and said yes.
  + All grantees were encouraged to consider this and discuss with their grant manager.
* Grantees were also asked if implementation-type activities would be helpful if funding were to be available. All grantees were encouraged to consider this as well and discuss with their grant manager.
* We will be hosting a webinar next Thursday, March 27 at 2pm ET; for details and registration, visit our training/events page: [Upcoming Events - NADTC](https://www.nadtc.org/training-events/)

## **Wrap Up and Adjourn**